

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listings of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~An input apparatus comprising:
an exterior decoration plate having an opening;
an operation lever having a support point thereof positioned inside said exterior decoration plate and so supported as to be capable of rocking;
~~detection means~~unit for detecting~~to detect~~ an operating condition of said operation lever;
~~an actuator for imparting external force to said operation lever; and~~
~~control means~~unit for controlling~~to control~~ a monitor displaying functions in accordance with driving of said actuator on the basis of an output signal outputted from said detection meansunit;
wherein an operation knob is provided to an end part of said operation lever protruding outward from said opening, a push-pull operation is allowed in an axial direction of said operation lever with a neutral position of said operation knob as a reference, and the push-pull operation of said operation knob selectively operates two switches, and said control unit activates or cancels a selected operation of said functions in accordance with signals received from the two switches.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~The input apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said operation knob includes a large diameter portion with said operation lever being a proximal end side, and a protuberance portion protruding from said large diameter portion.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~The input apparatus according to claim 2, wherein a constriction is defined at a part of said protuberance portion.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~The input apparatus according to claim 2, wherein a ceiling surface of said protuberance portion contains knurling.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~The input apparatus according to claim 3, wherein a ceiling surface of said protuberance portion contains knurling.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~The input apparatus according to claim 2, wherein at least one of said large diameter portion and said protuberance portion has a rectangular planar shape.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~The input apparatus according to claim 3, wherein at least one of said large diameter portion and said protuberance portion has a rectangular planar shape.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~The input apparatus according to claim 4, wherein at least one of said large diameter portion and said protuberance portion has a rectangular planar shape.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A force sense imparting type~~The input apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said two switches are push switches, said push switches are so arranged on said operation lever as to face each other, and a pusher is provided to said operation knob at a position between stems of said push switches.

10. (New) The input apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an actuator to impart external force to said operation lever.